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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Mr. William Adams  
Agency for Toxic Substances  
and Disease Registry  
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am pleased to inform you that on October 4, 1991, U.S. EPA, Region V, completed the environmental sampling in Granite City, Illinois, that was requested by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). The sampling is part of ATSDR's tri-state study of lead. As you are aware, there was some confusion regarding the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the environmental sampling. Region V initially believed that Region VII of U.S. EPA had provided final approval of the QAPP before Region V began field work. In fact, Region VII had not yet given final approval to the QAPP. However, Region V field procedures utilized in conducting the environmental sampling in Granite City, were identical to the procedures in the final QAPP approved for the study.

On September 10, 1991, our office received a copy of a September 4, 1991, memo written by Maurice E. LeVois, a contractor of the Illinois Department of Public Health. The memo contained many factual inaccuracies and misstated the purpose of ATSDR's lead study. Thank you for forwarding to U.S. EPA a copy of Dr. Lybarger's September 19, 1991, reply to this memo. I was pleased that Dr. Lybarger's letter confirmed ATSDR's support of the remediation plans for the NL/Taracorp Site and that the letter expressly stated that the September 4 memo mischaracterized ATSDR's purposes in conducting the study and U.S. EPA's role in assisting ATSDR with the study.

Please let me know if EPA can be of additional assistance to ATSDR in its efforts to complete this health study.

Sincerely,

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